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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT

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1. DEFENSE MINISTER FOSTERVOLL HAS REVIEWED WITH ME
HIS IMPRESSIONS OF CURRENT STATE OF PLAY ON AIRCRAFT
REPLACEMENT ISSUE IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION APRIL 18.
FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF MINISTER'S VIEWS:

THE NETHERLANDS -- DEFENSE MINISTER VREDELING, WITH THE
FULL SUPPORT OF FOREIGN MINISTER MAX VAN DER STOEL,
FEELS CONFIDENT THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT WILL RECOMMEND
ACQUISITION OF F-16 DURING APRIL AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT
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WILL NOT FALL OVER THE ISSUE.

BELGIUM -- VANDEN BOEYNANTS HAS NOW INVOLVED BELGIAN PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES WHICH FOSTERVOLL BELIEVES MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IN ARRIVING AT AN EARLY DECISION. ALTHOUGH THE BELGIANS HAVE GONE BACK TO BOTH FRENCH INDUSTRY AND FRENCH GOVERNMENT FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, FOSTERVOLL IS STILL OPTIMISTIC AND SPECULATES THAT CHANCES ARE 90 PERCENT IN FAVOR OF PRO-F-16 DECISION BY BELGIUM.

NORWAY -- SITUATION IN NORWAY IS VERY MUCH ON TRACK AND FOSTERVOLL HOPES TO HAVE F-16 ISSUE BEFORE STORTING (PARLIAMENT) NEXT WEEK OR AT LATEST THE WEEK AFTER. OBVIOUS PROBLEMS WOULD BE CREATED FOR FOSTERVOLL VIS A VIS STORTING CONSIDERATION OF THE AIRCRAFT ISSUE SHOULD BELGIUM OPT OUT OF THE CONSORTIUM.

2. NEXT MOD MEETING, ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 5 IN LONDON(PARA 6 REFTTEL) IS NOW TENTATIVELY SET FOR MAY 12 WITH BRUSSELS AS THE PROBABLE LOCATION.
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